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guess I used this as an education process. If you want to improve roads, if you want to increase the road building, it's going to take more money. As it is, I think we're falling behind on our road construction program, in addition to the maintenance we have to do. In other words, our backlog is building, much as it was in our building program with our 309 money. We are falling behind, and in today's environment with the cost of things, road costs are going up. So there is a way to do what you want to do--it just costs money. With that, I request to withdraw that amendment, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CUDABACK: FA645 is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, anything else on the committee amendments?

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Discussion of the committee amendments themselves? There are no lights on. Senator Landis...is Senator Landis on the floor? You're recognized to close on the committee amendments. Senator Baker. Are you...I understand you're authorized.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I do see Senator Connealy, if you want me to defer to you, Senator Connealy. The committee amendment now is amended to put the funds into the Highway Allocation Fund, which goes exclusively to the cities and counties. The bill is in good shape. We've adopted the other amendment that Senator Beutler described--it seems like an hour...it was over an hour ago--and would simply ask for adoption of...well, just a minute. Senator Landis doesn't want any of my time? Okay. Simply ask for adoption of the Revenue Committee amendments to LB 904. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing on the committee amendments by Senator Baker. All in favor of adoption of AM2576 vote aye; opposed, nay. Voting on the adoption of the committee amendments presented by the Revenue Committee, Chairman Landis presenting. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of